

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 48 – SB 856

February 14, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the prerequisite application criteria for funeral embalmer license apprenticeships to include lawful permanent residents of the United States. Authorizes an applicant for a funeral embalmer apprenticeship license to obtain the required mortuary science associate degree in either the art or science track.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on opinion 18-42 released by the Attorney General, this inclusion may be preempted by federal law. Pursuant to United States Code § 8-14-1622(b), “lawful permanent residents”, also referred to as “permanent resident aliens”, must be considered equivalent to citizens by states when determining eligibility.
- It is presumed that the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (BFDE) currently accepts applications from “lawful permanent residents” and the proposed legislation would not significantly increase the amount of approved licenses.
- Expanding the mortuary science associate of arts degree application prerequisite to include a mortuary science associate of science degree will not significantly increase the amount of approved apprenticeship licenses.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The BFDE experienced a deficit of \$136,881 in FY16-17, a surplus of \$132,889 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,237,260 on June 30, 2018.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumption:

- The proposed legislation will not cause a significant impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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